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Official meetings

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters *today*, 27 November 2003, official holiday.]

Friday, 28 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . 59th meeting . . . Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . 60th meeting . . . Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . [113]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.28 (and programme budget implications), A/C.3/58/L.23/Rev.1 (and amendments thereto: A/C.3/58/L.83) and A/C.3/58/L.29/Rev.1

2. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action . . . [115 (b)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.34

3. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . [117 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.71 and A/C.3/58/L.75

5. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . . . [117 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.68/Rev.1 (programme budget implications: A/C.3/58/L.82) and A/C.3/58/L.79/Rev.1

6. Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3, Parts I and II) . . . [12]

   Organization of work of the Third Committee and the draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2004-2005 (A/C.3/58/L.80)

   Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee for the main part of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly

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Fifth Committee

10 a.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 131 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/58/269, A/58/366, A/58/367, A/58/368, A/58/550, A/58/597, A/58/554 and A/58/605)); and 132 (Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/58/226, A/58/368, A/58/288, A/58/593, A/58/449 and A/58/605))

3 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 134 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi (A/58/596 and A/58/609)); and 120, 121 and 161 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003; Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005; and Financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire (A/58/370, A/58/535, A/C.5/58/12, A/58/538 and A/58/598))

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.26 entitled "Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005" (agenda item 94 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Croatia)

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.8 entitled "International Decade for Action 'Water for Life', 2005-2015" (agenda item 95) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.41 entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence" (agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on the follow up to General Assembly resolution 57/270 B entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields" (indicative programme of work of the Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

12 noon–1.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.14 entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" (agenda item 94 (f)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

1–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.20 entitled "Science and technology for development" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

2–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development"; and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cameroon)

2–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Other meetings

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Friday, 28 November 2003

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: racism)*

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: environment and sustainable development)*

9.30–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: trade; globalization; and other macroeconomic policy questions)*

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: financing for development; commodities; debt; and other macroeconomic issues)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) *(on Second Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

OIC Group *(at the experts level)*

2–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia)

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 28 November 2003

Room S-226

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 1 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

3 p.m. 65th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [38]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/58/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/416)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/58/L.23, A/58/L.24, A/58/L.25 and A/58/L.26/Rev.1)

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 23rd meeting on Monday, 1 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, immediately followed by informal consultations (closed) in Conference Room 5. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting on Monday, 1 December 2003, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977.

The representatives of all Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies, as well as observers, are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3350.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html).

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR seminar on "The Use of Local Energy Resources for Local Purposes: Natural Gas and Rural Poverty"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a seminar on "The Use of Local Energy Resources for Local Purposes: Natural Gas and Rural Poverty", to be held on the following dates: Monday, 1 December 2003, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A letter has been sent to all the permanent missions in New York. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Informal briefing organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland

On the occasion of the session of the Executive Board of UNICEF, there will be an informal briefing by the War-Torn Societies Project (WSP International), organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, on Monday, 1 December 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

UNITAR/OLA seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly conducting a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 3 and Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Joint Government of Finland–UNDP seminar on combating corruption

There will be a joint Government of Finland–UNDP seminar on combating corruption on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Magdy Martinez-Soliman (tel. 1 (212) 906-6384; e-mail magdy.martinez-soliman@undp.org); or Mr. Patrick Lally (tel. 1 (212) 906-6633; e-mail patrick.lally@undp.org).

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 8 December, to Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Monday, 1 December 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 26 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

57th–58th meetings

The summary of the 57th and 58th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/229).

Fifth Committee

22nd meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [119]

Audit of the Investment Management Service of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The representative of Ireland, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.11.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [120]

Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice, judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

The representative of Argentina, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.12.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

The representative of Venezuela, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.18.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

Information and communication technology

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.14, coordinated by the representative of Costa Rica.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Development Account

The representative of Uruguay, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/58/L.19.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations

The representative of Venezuela, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/58/L.20.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Proportion of General Service staff to Professional staff in the regional commissions

The representative of Venezuela, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/58/L.21.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Comprehensive review of the post structure of the Secretariat

The representative of Venezuela, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.22.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/58/L.23.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo . . . . . [138]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Venezuela, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.24.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor [140]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Saudi Arabia, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.16.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [143]

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Guatemala, coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, introduced draft decision A/C.5/58/L.17.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia [165]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Ireland, coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.25.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution the representative of Nigeria made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Admission of the International Criminal Court to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund [166]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Argentina, coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.15.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.5/58/L.26.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2004

The Chief of the Political, Legal and Humanitarian Service of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/7/Add.3).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.4).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question

Revised estimates arising out of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2003 (A/C.5/58/10 and A/58/7/Add.8)

The Officer-in-Charge of the Economic, Social, and Human Rights Service of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/58/10).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.8).

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and the United States.

The Officer-in-Charge of the Economic, Social, and Human Rights Service of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Financial viability of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and status of all voluntary contributions

The Officer-in-Charge of the Economic, Social, and Human Rights Service of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/544).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.10).

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria, Cuba and the United States.

The Officer-in-Charge of the Economic, Social, and Human Rights Service of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Revised estimates: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/528).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.11).

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/596).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/609).

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

Administration and management of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Officer-in-Charge of the Economic, Social, and Human Rights Service of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/569).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.12).

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland and Liechtenstein) and Cuba.

The Officer-in-Charge of the Economic, Social, and Human Rights Service of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts replied to questions raised.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [120]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire [161]

(A/58/370, A/58/535, A/C.5/58/12, A/58/538 and A/58/598)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of these agenda items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Botswana (on behalf of the African Group), Cuba, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Cameroon, the United States, Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and Nigeria.

The Controller replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these agenda items.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Convention against Torture and other cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Ninth Meeting of the States Parties
United Nations Office at Geneva

Wednesday, 26 November 2003

1st meeting

The Ninth Meeting of the States Parties was opened by Ms. Maria Francisca Ize-Charrin, Officer-in-Charge of the Support Services Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Representative of the Secretary General.

The Meeting elected H.E. Mr. Mohamed Dembri (Algeria) as its Chairman and Mr. Ian Ferguson (Canada) as its Vice-Chairman.

In accordance with article 17 of the Convention, the Meeting elected by secret ballot the following persons as members of the Committee against Torture, for a term of four years beginning January 2004: Mr. Guibril Camara (Senegal), Mrs. Felice Gaer (United States of America), Mr. Claudio Grossman (Chile), Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Cyprus) and Mr. Julio Prado-Vallejo (Ecuador).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Monday, 24 November 2003

50th–51st meetings *Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights* [3]

The Committee held a general discussion on article 6 of the Covenant (Right to work).

Wednesday, 26 November 2003

52nd–53rd meetings *Consideration of reports* [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee began to adopt the concluding observations on the second periodic report of Guatemala (E/1990/6/Add.54 and E/1990/6/Add.54/Rev.1).

Adoption of the report [9]

The Committee began the adoption of its annual report.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Accession: Armenia (26 November 2003)[1]

Ratification: Tonga (26 November 2003)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: Armenia (26 November 2003)[1]

Ratification: Tonga (26 November 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Ratification: Tonga (26 November 2003)[1]

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Ratification: Armenia (26 November 2003)[1]

Entry into force: (24 February 2004)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Ratification: Tonga (26 November 2003)[1]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Madagascar (24 November 2003)[1]

Ratification: Slovakia (24 November 2003)[1]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Ratification: Armenia (26 November 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Palestine: Reflections of Resilience and Hope." The exhibit will be displayed from Monday, 1 December, to Monday, 15 December 2003, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

The formal opening of the exhibit will be held on Monday, 1 December 2003, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two films "Palestine: Story of a Land (Parts I and II)," which will be shown on Monday, 1 December at 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium, and "Crossing Kalandia," which can be viewed at the exhibit area from Tuesday, 2 December, to Monday, 15 December, during exhibit hours.

International Day of Disabled Persons (3 December 2003)

In observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, there will be a seminar, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Ecuador, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and Disabled Peoples' International, on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The opening of an exhibit of art by persons with disabilities will follow in the Visitors' Lobby. For more information, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable.

Web sites

President of the General Assembly:
www.un.org/ga/president

General Assembly:
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/

www.un.org/ga

Presidency of the Security Council:
www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency
www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/

Security Council:
www.un.org/sc

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm
www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373
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www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373
www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html

Economic and Social Council:
www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc

Italian presidency of the European Union:
www. un.org
http://europa-eu-un.org

Department of Economic and Social Affairs:
www.un.org/esa

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www.un.org/Docs/journal/Ar/latesta.pdf
www.un.org/Docs/journal/Ch/latestc.pdf
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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

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